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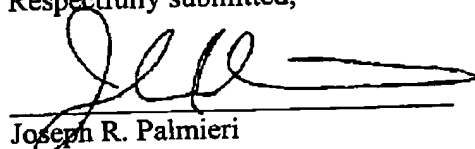
REMARKS

Applicant submits this Third Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the above-referenced application. Applicant has amended the specification to indicate that Applicant has claimed the benefit of the earlier filing date of the prior co-pending parent application to the present application (as well as the provisional application noted in the parent application), as indicated on the application transmittal letter submitted with the present application at the time of filing. Applicant believes no petition or fee is necessary for entry of this amendment because: (i) Applicant included the benefit claim in the application transmittal letter submitted at the time of the filing of the present application, and (ii) the filing receipt (attached) indicates that the Office has recognized the claim. See MPEP 201.11(III)(D). Applicant thus believes entry of this Third Preliminary Amendment is proper.

Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action of the merits of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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